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In re Application of: Anthony L. Fontaine et al.

Serial No.: 10/033,716 Examiner: Bayat, Bradley B.

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Title: REMOTE ACCESS VERIFICATION ENVIRONMENT
SYSTEM AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 26, 2004, and is timely filed with a three-month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-76 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by MacDoran et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,757,916). Claims 10, 22, 25, 42, 57, and 69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by MacDoran et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,757,916). No new claims have been added. Claims 1, 30, 35, 41, 43 have been amended. No claims have been deleted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.